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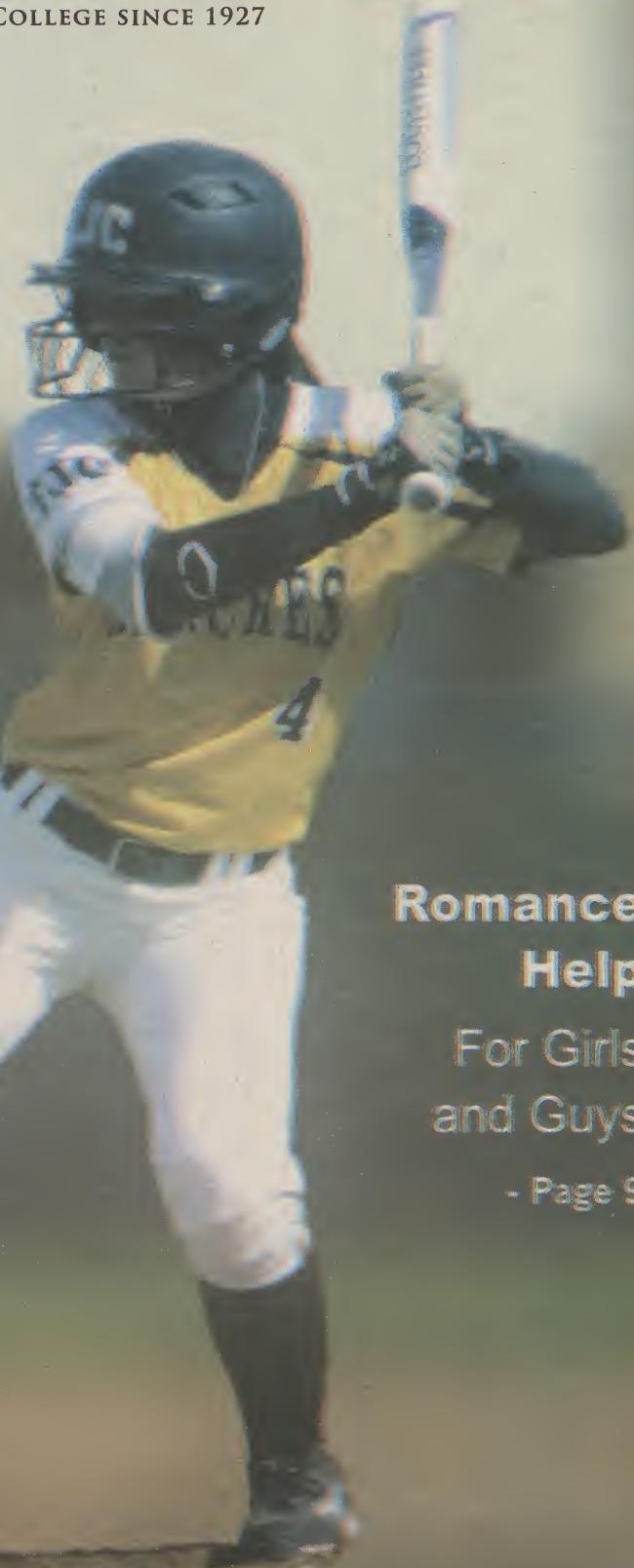
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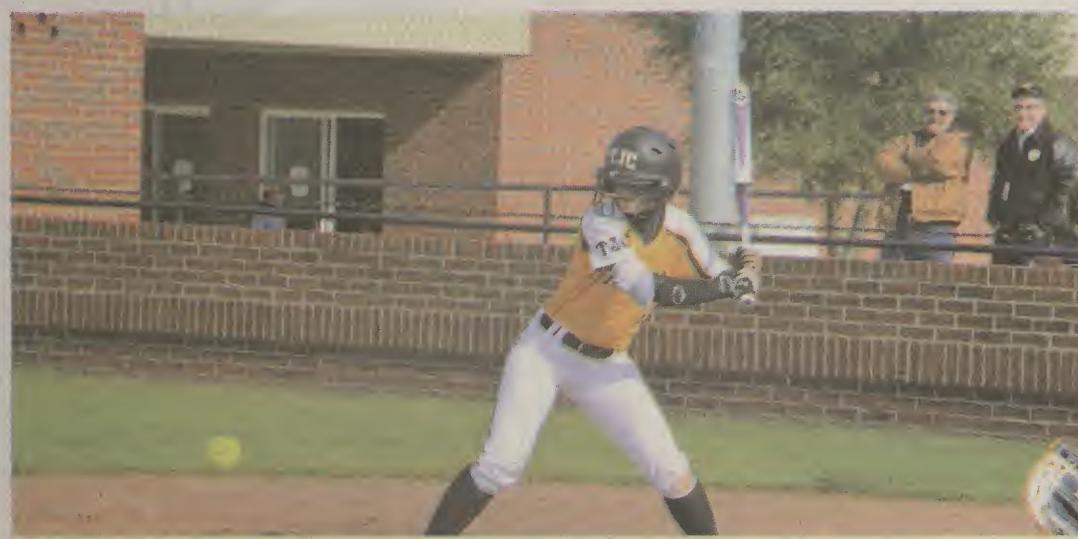
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Opinion



Split second decisions lead to life-long consequences for cops

Column

By Haley Huston
Editor-in-Chief

There has been a lot of controversy over the shooting that took place in the Longview Police Station that resulted in the death of a young woman. Many people feel that the situation could have been handled better and the release of a surveillance video only made more people question the officer's actions.

When police are trained there is an idea of the use of continuum. This means that although officers have different tools on their belt, such as taser and gun they don't have to get progressively worse. For example they don't have to use the taser on someone before they use a gun.

Officers are trained to evaluate the circumstance and determine the best way eliminate any immediate threats. There is no standard way to handle a situation.

Officers must determine if weapons are being used in an aggressive way and take steps from there.

If there was someone robbing a store and a cop walked and the gun was directed towards them they would most likely immediately go for their gun, ask the perpetrator to drop the gun and if they didn't listen shoot.

Each situation varies and when faced with a weapon most people would most likely not be able to handle it, but for cops this could be a daily experience.

The officers at Longview might not have made the right call looking back on the situation and being able to analyze it from a third person perspective. In the heat of the moment the officer had to make a decision and no matter anyone says on what the right way to go about it was that officer has to deal with that decision for the rest of his life.

Editorial

Unanswered questions

On January 22, the nation's gaze turned to Longview, Texas of all places. A mentally ill, 17-year-old girl was shot multiple times and killed by three police officers in the lobby of their own station.

Press releases and public statements weren't good enough, the public demanded more. Finally Longview PD relented and released the security tape of the incident. There was no audio and the footage was disappointingly low quality.

When you work in media, you have to take yourself out of the situation and put your own bias aside. It's not always easy and there are a lot of passionate opinions on this particular issue. One thing we can all agree on though, is that the video only raises more questions.

Where was the knife in the video? If the officer felt he was truly in danger, why did he let her off the ground? The taser clearly worked in both instances, why is Longview PD saying it was ineffective?

Being a police officer is not an easy job. These men and women risk their lives every day to keep us safe. Yes, some abuse their power. However, the majority are just trying to make their communities a better place.

Communities that they are a part of, that their family lives in. A family that knows full well that they may not come home each day.

The real question is, are the officers to blame or is mental illness?

Mental illness is a very real problem that has been stigmatized in this country. Especially in more conservative areas. Seeking help is often seen as a sign of weakness, when in reality it takes a great deal of courage to admit you can't keep going on your own.

It is a fundamental failure of our medical system when a teenager who is suicidal or delusional can not get the help they really need.

Without audio and full testimonies from the main officer involved, there is no way of knowing exactly what happened. So while we wait for the Texas Rangers to conclude their investigation, perhaps we need to examine the other glaring failures in order to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Let's, for just a moment, take a respite from placing blame and accept our own responsibility in this matter.

News

President Obama proposes free community college

By Bianca Branham
Managing Editor

President Barack Obama took the stand with grace and promise gleaming in his eyes, the White House emblem posted patriotically behind him as he stood to deliver the 2015 State of the Union Speech, Tuesday Jan. 20. In his address, President Obama said that 40 percent of students in America choose community college.

He goes on to say, "That's why I am sending this congress a bold new plan to lower the cost of Community college—to zero."

Free community college programs such as the Tennessee Promise and the Chicago STAR scholarship have already been implemented in Chicago, IL and Tennessee, but to see this plan transpire nationally is a goal the president intends to see achieved.

Tyler Junior College is a top ranked junior college in Texas and a cheaper option when starting higher education.

The cost of tuition for 15 credit hours is \$2,500 per year at TJC, whereas a private university costs an average of \$41,000 a year.

Sarah Van Cleef, the chief financial officer says that TJC gives financial aid and pell grants to some students so they pay little to nothing when it comes to tuition.

According to the article "Student Debt Avoidance Strategies" written by Christi Khalaf, Tyler Area Business Education Council, students graduate from TJC with an average debt of \$11,477, significantly lower than the national student average debt which is \$26,600.

To implement a plan such as making community college free would mean changes in the structure of TJC academics.

The White House proposal says "those community college students must enroll at least half-time, earn a 2.5 grade-point average and make steady progress toward completing their program."

However there is a lot of doubt surrounding the specifics of the plan and whether or not it will pass. Dr. Metke believes that the bill won't pass in the state of Texas.

"I'm afraid it will get lost in the politics of it all," says Metke.

Having tuition paid in full will mean extra money in student's pockets.

"I think it would increase students. I think a lot more people would take advantage of it. A lot of people could go to school without worrying where the tuition money will come from," said Nakiea Hubbard, a criminal justice student at TJC.

Making tuition free at TJC will give more students the opportunity to attend college.

The benefits could help students in their personal lives. The extra money would help the working student, the single parent trying to finish their degree to help support their family, the commuter and everyone else in between.

"It would help me in many ways. I would be able to help my mom out because she is a single parent. It will help me save up to go to university when I finish community college," says Hubbard.

Looking ahead, there are some structural things TJC would have to modify such as classroom sizes and parking availability as well as admission modifications to make the plan work. Like all plans and programs the free community college plan has its pros and cons.

"The devil is in the details," Dr. Metke said jokingly.

The plan to promote community college and make it available and more affordable to the average income household is one of great interest. Dr. Metke continues, saying that he is excited about the recognition of the junior colleges and this could be the beginning of a solution to some economic problems.

In the state of Texas the average student loan debt is \$25,244, and approximately 59% of the students in Texas are in debt. For this plan to work, the states to would have to take on some of the financial responsibility.

According to the fact sheet sent out by the Office of the Press Secretary, the federal government will pay The America's College Promise proposal with contributions by the state.

Federal funding will cover three-quarters of the average cost of community college. States that choose to participate will be expected to contribute the remaining funds necessary to eliminate college tuition for eligible students.

What the plan doesn't specify is the fact that only the tuition will be covered. All other costs such as books and student housing are not included in the proposal.

The details of this plan are still being worked out; even so, Tennessee and Chicago, IL are leading the U.S. with their implementation of a similar plan. Regardless of the kinks that are being worked out, this plan has the potential to change higher education in America.

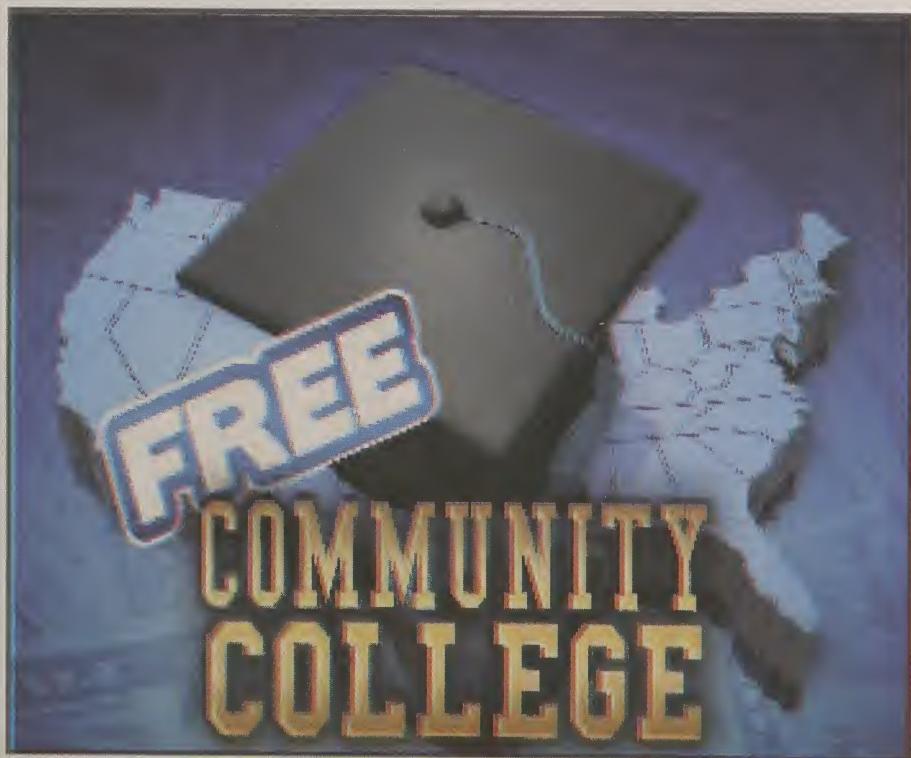


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Armed robberies near campus cause unease

By Cindy Chandler
Staff Writer

Two businesses were robbed at gun point blocks away from Tyler Junior College last month. The suspects are two to three black men who police are still searching for.

The Paleteria Taqueria Polar, a restaurant/convenience store on South Vine Avenue was robbed after 8 p.m. on Jan. 12. According to the employees, two workers were forced into the back of the store. The robbers held them at gun point then stole merchandise and cash.

A day later, there was another armed robbery on Fifth Street at the Posado's Mexican Restaurant around 10 p.m. Three workers were forced at gun point in a walk-in freezer. The three suspects then stole cash.

Shannon Revels, a Posado's employee, said that she and other employees are now more cautious, more aware and they don't get as comfortable at work as they once did. Since the armed robbery, the restaurant never opens the back door anymore, there is a lock on the gate, and they are keeping their money safer. Managers are not saying too much to the employees about information but are telling them to stay in groups whenever walking to their cars.

"The managers are really trying not to talk to us because we're all still kind of spooked," said Revels.

Revels doesn't plan to quit her job, but she still is not as comfortable as before.

"My mother thinks that I should quit but I'm going to continue working there, and we all just hope for the best," said Revels.

No one was physically injured during any of these encounters. Tyler Police has no information on the suspects, but will continue the investigation. Although the suspects of both robberies were black men dressed in all black clothing and both robberies happened only a day apart, Tyler PD doesn't know for sure whether these cases are related.

Don Martin, public informational officer of Tyler PD said there are no updates



Photo by Cindy Chandler

PACKED AT PASADOS The business at Pasados restraint down the street from TJC is still going strong after recent armed robbery. This was one of two robberies that took place awithin blocks of the campus.



Photo by Cindy Chandler

CONIVENTLY ROBBED The Paleteria Taqueria Polar was recently involved in an armed robbery. The restruant and conveint store combo was the first business to be robbed, just a day before Pasados.

or new information on the case. He doesn't think any of the suspects are TJC students.

Both events occurred close to Tyler Junior College and students are now inquiring about their safety on campus. TJC's campus police encourages students to stay safe the best way they can.

Director of Campus Police Chief Randy Melton said the best way to stay safe on campus is for everyone to always wear their lanyards and to be aware of your surroundings at all times.

"That, [your lanyard], what you're wearing right there is the best way to keep a safe campus. It lets us know who's supposed to be here and who's not," said Chief Melton.

TJC has nine ambassadors around campus who help ensure safety policies.

Thomas Johnson is the Executive Director of Campus Police and Director of Law Enforcement Academy.

"Since 2010, statistics show that the total number of crime on campus has went down tremendously thanks to the change of the lanyard policy," said Johnson.

Campus police advise students on ways to stay safe.

"Be aware of surroundings, have keys and your cell phone in your hands before walking to your car," said Chief Melton.

Students can also call campus police for escorts if they ever feel uncomfortable and need protection getting from their classes to their cars. If anyone notices any suspicious behavior they should call police at 903-510-2222. Students can also call this number if they ever need to report a crime.

"Students can also use UTIPS, which is an anonymous way of sending useful information to the police by texting," said Johnson. If students ever spot suspicious activity just text 79516, and enter "tjctip" before their message.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1000 for information that leads to the arrest and charges filed against the suspects in this case or any other felony case. Anyone with any information on these cases should call Tyler PD at 903-531-1000 or Tyler/ Smith County Crime Stoppers at 903-597-CUFF.

Verve

Keeping up with the Joneses

Baptist Student Ministries Director Mark Jones has 18 years of experience

By Colby Morgan
Sports Editor

The TJC campus' Baptist Student Ministry is filled with black leather chairs, students playing pool and ping pong, and the sound of Christian music throughout the building. Longtime BSM Director, Mark Jones, is almost always around, ready with a "Hey, how are you doing," making the ministry feel like a second home.

Jones has worked at TJC for 18 years as the BSM director and as a Professor of World Religions. His time on campus began when he formed a friendship with former BSM Director, Bob Mayfield. When Mayfield left, local residents asked Jones if he would be interested in coming to serve.

"The opportunity for me to work on campus and to be in the lives of students on a day-to-day basis was very attractive to me," Jones said.

It was in his junior year of high school when Jones began to see how much his life changed through a relationship with Christ.

"I grew up in San Antonio, I went to high school in San Antonio and I became involved in the campus ministry," said Jones. "Although I had grown up around the church, I knew for sure I had not made a personal commitment to follow Christ. It was really in high school that I made that commitment and saw some real change."

Mark has loved working with all of his students and when students come to him, he often tells them his favorite Scripture.

"One of my favorite verses is 2 Timothy 1:5 where Paul is reflecting on the background that Timothy has and his spiritual heritage," Jones said. "He says, 'I'm reminded first of the faith that was in your grandmother then is in your mother. I'm confident he lives in you also. I remind you

therefore to fan into flame the gift of God that is in you through the laying out of my hands.' What those verses say is now is the time for students to own their faith. You got to do something with it. It's not your momma's faith anymore; it's not your grandma's faith anymore. You're an adult and when it says 'fan into flame,' to me that says be active in your pursuit. Do something to develop your life."

Three or four times each week, Jones leaves his office to walk around campus, talking to students.

"It's a way for me to connect," said Jones. "A lot of times a student will be going through a hard time, they'll see me and they'll come and say 'Dr. Jones could pray with me, could you pray for me about this particular area?' And that doesn't happen unless I make myself available."

When TJC students, Ian Wade and his wife Fausthyara needed a place to hold their Bible studies, Mark took them in at the BSM, and has built a relationship with them over the years.

"Brother Mark has been an encourager of allowing me to host my Wednesday night services here," Wade said. "We start at 8 p.m. every Wednesday, and we just have a good time in the Lord. We've seen a good turnout, we've seen students come to Christ, students come to God and lives changed."

Jones says the best part of his work is watching students' lives change for the better, often helping with advice.

"This doesn't have to be the best time ever in your life, but I hope it's a great time and I hope you're building friendships and relationships in your life," said Jones.

Every Wednesday at 11 a.m., different local churches provide a free lunch at the BSM. On Thursday nights at 8 p.m., free pancakes and bacon follow a worship service. For more information, call 903-592-0382.



PREACHING THE WORD Baptist Student Ministries Director Mark Jones explains the Scriptures to TJC students at their weekly Wednesday lunches.

Photos by Colby Morgan



HEARING THE WORD TJC students listen to one of Dr. Jones' sermons.

Top 5 albums everyone should own

The bare necessities of every music collection

By Calvin Maynard
Verve Editor

The music business has changed drastically in the last decade. The rise of internet music downloads has forced artists to tour more and market single songs rather than whole albums, and that's a shame. Songs used to be carefully chosen, each picked from dozens of possibilities, then put in just the right order to convey a greater message than a few scattered songs ever could. I, myself, have discovered fantastic tracks by listening to whole albums from start to finish, that I never could have heard on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart. So here they are: the top 5 albums everyone should own to get the most out of music. To be clear, this is not a list of personal favorites, but of objectively essential classics. We'll take one from each major American genre.

BLUES

Rhythm and blues music comes first in our list because every other genre in popular music owes its creation to the blues. Blues music is right up there with baseball, property rights, and morbid obesity in the pantheon of American values. First invented by African slaves before the Civil War, the blues' stark sounds, simple structures, and emotive vocals just captures pain and sadness like no other genre can. It follows a simple, predictable musical pattern, meaning that nearly anyone can pick up a guitar and play a simple blues number with about 15 minutes of training.

Nobody plays the blues like Texans, though. Case-in-point, Dallas-native, Stevie Ray Vaughan. His debut album, *Texas Flood* (Epic Records, 1983), shows the range of songs possible within a basic musical format. Containing rockers like *Lovestruck Baby*, wailing classics like *Texas Flood*, and even a sweet rendition of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*. Nobody played the blues like Stevie Ray and his 2-piece band, Double Trouble.

JAZZ

Jazz may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it's energy got millions of kids dancing back when folks would have assumed "rock'n'roll" was a medical condition. Setting aside the big band instrumentals of the 40's, nobody out of anybody could beat Frank Sinatra for sheer timeless cool. He had a voice that could melt butter. He rocked the suit and tie better than Don Draper, Barney Stinson and Drake put together. Any hipster in his right mind (I know, it's an oxymoron) would drool over his fedora collection. It's hard to narrow down Ol' Blue Eyes' vast catalogue from five decades at the top, but *The Very Best of Frank Sinatra* (Reprise Records, 1997) comes close. Keep an ear out for *My Way* on Disc 2, the official national anthem of Cool.

COUNTRY

Red dirt. Beer cans. Petty crimes. Hound dogs. Pickup trucks. Twangy guitars. Patriotic fervor bordering on jingoism. No, I'm not talking about my plans for Saturday night. I'm talking about every country song since Billy Ray Cyrus committed "Achy

Breaky Heart" (and I continue to protest the injustice that nobody went to jail over that offense). Country used to be something great, however. Son of bluegrass, grandson of Irish folk, and nephew of Spanish Western music, country used to be the voice of the South before the slick music machine of Nashville co-opted it for profit (I'm talking about you, Kenny Chesney. Your tractor is not sexy).

One man defined this authentic country music more than any other, seeming at once soulful and badass ... Johnny Cash. His songs had the forceful rhythm and chugging beat of a speeding locomotive, and dealt with fighting, drinking, cocaine and doing hard time on the chain gang. In fact, the Man in Black's greatest moment came when he played two shows for the convicted felons populating California's Folsom Prison. The concert was recorded and released as *At Folsom Prison* (Columbia Records, 1968). Containing greats like *Folsom Prison Blues*, *I Got Stripes* and *Jackson* (a duet with his wife, June), this concert was the high point of country music (no pun intended).

ROCK

Elvis may have been the King, but Bruce Springsteen is the Boss, and for good reason. Beginning as a rather forgettable folk singer in the early 70's, Bruce rose to stardom with *Born to Run* in 1975.

He continued his path to greatness with three more albums with the E Street Band, culminating in *Born in the U.S.A.* (Columbia Records, 1984), the greatest rock record of all time. This album has something for everyone: its title track sounds like a patriotic anthem but is actually a keen critique of America's poor treatment of Vietnam veterans. Thrashing punker *Cover Me* makes cynicism sound fun, *Working on the Highway* is a snappy rockabilly number that would put Elvis to shame, indie folk singers have adopted *I'm on Fire* as a staple of hipster-ism, and, for a forgotten gem, check out *I'm Going Down*. There's a reason why this album topped every chart in the civilized world.

POP

I know what you're thinking... where's all the Kanye West? Where's Taylor Swift? Where's Miley Cyrus? Where's Beyoncé? Where's the Flying Spaghetti Monster? Nowhere, because everything on the charts owes its entire existence to one

album. Nearly every rapper, hip-hopster and pop star would sound completely different (read that how you will) were it not for Michael Jackson's *Thriller* (Epic Records, 1982). From its title track to *Billie Jean* to *Beat It*, this album contains every key ingredient of a classic pop record: smooth vocals, slick dance moves, funky beats, and awesome cameos (Vincent Price on *Thriller*, Eddie Van Halen on *Beat It*, Paul McCartney on *The Girl is Mine*. Beat that, Bieber). Like him or hate him, there's no denying that M.J. belongs with U2, Elvis, and the Beatles in the pantheon of the gods of modern music.

But that's just my word. What's yours? Send your Top 5 to tjcnews@tjc.edu. Tune in next issue (same Bat-time, same Bat-channel) for the Top 5 Movies of All Time.



Column

Cory McCoy
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I'm gonna need you to put your religious opinions aside for just a moment, please. On January 26, 2015 Ty Underwood was murdered while driving her car. She was shot to death, no arrests have been made. Yes, Ty was transgender.

It doesn't matter if you "agree" with her lifestyle or not. Ty was a human being and deserves the same respect as any of us. You would not misidentify a cisgendered person with improper pronouns and then refuse to update your story with the correct information. (Cisgender means a person who identifies as the sex they were born)

Time to drop some science. According to a new study called "Gender Cognition in Transgender Children," in the scientific journal, Psychological Science, "transgender children are not confused, delayed, showing gender-atypical respond-

Respect should apply to everyone

ing, pretending, or oppositional."

In other words, that is who they are. They are not pretending or mentally ill. Whether or not your pastor agrees is entirely irrelevant. Remember when Jesus said that thing about loving each other? Probably still applies.

As a trans woman of color, Ty was exponentially more likely to be subjected to violence or murder simply for being true to herself. According to GLAAD, 53% of anti-lgbtq homicides were transgender women. A staggering 73% of all LGBTQ homicide victims were people of color. The American trans population is notoriously hard to determine due to the fact that gender identity is not black and white.

It's estimated that less than 8% of the LGBTQ community are transgender. The disparity here is terrifying. Imagine being a trans woman in East Texas. We aren't exactly known for being welcoming to people who are different.

Ty's life here could not have been easy, but she had the courage to show the world who she really was. According to family and friends, she was an incredible, kind-hearted person and their world is now a darker place without her.

As journalists, we follow Associated Press style guidelines in our writing. AP style dictates that we respect the gender a person identifies as. It's that simple. Ty lost her life, we don't need to take her dignity as well.



Courtesy Photo

Column**People are people and should be respected**

By Daisy Valle
Guest Contributor

Transgender is a topic that for a long time has been taboo but given the recent transgender media exploitation has been a headline topic. For those of you that are not aware of what transgender is, I'll shed some light on the subject. Transgender is defined by Webster Dictionary.com as "of or relating to people who have a sexual identity that is not clearly male or clearly female". But what causes someone to feel as if they are in the wrong body. Recent explanations by transequality.org, tell us that causes such as a "fluctuations or imbalances in hormones or the use of certain medications during pregnancy may cause intersex or transgender conditions", links between gender identity and brain structure may be another reason or physiological factors.

But are those reasons enough. Are those reasons enough

to cause a death? Recently a 24-year-old Tylerite was killed, her roommate speculates it was a hate crime. The Tylerite in question was a transgender woman who went by the name Ty Underwood. Sadly, her death is among company of many who have fallen victim to a hate crime or suicide.

In the first four months of 2014, according to the Huffingtonpost.com there have been 102 acts of violence towards transgender people. Those acts range from ages as low as eight to late twenties. There are some horrifying tales such as an 8-year-old boy being beaten to death by his father to the recent incident that caused the death of Underwood.

I can understand being scared of what you aren't familiar with, maybe even what you don't understand, but taking a life versus being scared to ask if someone is transgender is a huge difference. My condolences go out Underwood's family and friends. This morn-

ing's report by CBS 19 quoted Detective Erbaugh saying "... it was a senseless murder" and I couldn't agree more. Someone's sexual identity shouldn't be their ticket to the morgue. It also shouldn't cause you to think less of them as a person so it doesn't really matter if they hurt or die. It's that same way of thinking that almost caused an entire race to become extinct or did your history class not discuss The Holocaust? If they didn't, I strongly suggest you tune into the history channel next time they do a segment over it. Whether I agree with Ty's transgender choice is irrelevant and it should be irrelevant to everyone. One less person is breathing due to someone's ignorant mind and quick trigger.

I urge if you know anything about this case to come forward to the Tyler PD. Burying your daughter is never easy but closure is the first path to healing.

Girl, you want to go to Wienerland?

Guy's Perspective



Favian Quezada
Web Editor

Valentine's Day is just another day to me, really. I can see how some people would go all out and try to get gifts and take their significant others out to have a good time, but why not just do that throughout the year? I never made a big deal out of the holiday while in a relationship. I did buy gifts or take them out because that's what they expected, but I also did that year round to show that I cared ... not just one day of the year.

I've also been single a long time which kind of makes me think less of the holiday, not because I'm some bitter person, but why put so much into this one day? There is a whole year to show your appreciation for a person. And, let's be honest here, guys know that it is a guaranteed day to have sex. Guys are very motivated by sex, so the notion to go all out is planted in the brain because they know, at the end of the night, their work will be rewarded with sex.

I've seen instances where guys have forgotten to buy gifts for their girlfriends, were hurrying into Walmart trying to find the "perfect" gift. Well, I'm no expert, but I think women can tell when guys have bought last minute gifts. Don't be that guy.

I've also gone out of my way to make sure my girlfriend had a nice Valentine's Day. I went out of town to visit my family in Ohio and didn't get back till Valentine's Day. While I was gone, I asked her friend if she would buy some things for her and set up my house with candles and roses. When we got back from the airport, she walked in and was surprised. It was a good night that night for sure.

The "holiday" is really a consumer holiday. It's just another way for companies to make money off of love. There are genuine people who treat the holiday as another day to be romantic, but they also use the whole year to do these same things when most wait around a whole year to do them. Get your girl flowers for no reason, buy her that shirt or dress you know she's been eyeing and most importantly, tell her how you feel about her and how important she is to you. Use the year, not just a day, to express how you feel about her.

Girls's Perspective

Haley Huston
Editor-in-Chief

The aisles of stores across the country are filling up with little heart shaped boxes containing every flavor of chocolate imaginable and teddy bears big enough to devour a small child. All this can only mean one thing; it's getting close to Valentine's Day.

Women everywhere are getting ready for what some consider the worst and others consider the best holiday of the year. For women, Valentine's Day is met with mixed feelings (how typical of us), ranging from ecstatic to furious. Personally, I couldn't care less about the Hallmark scheme, but every year I hear the same three basic reactions from girls.

The first situation occurs if she is in a relationship. Then, it turns Valentine's Day into another opportunity for her boyfriend to prove his love or turn the relationship around for the better. The sad truth is that nine times out of ten, he is not going to meet these expectations, and he is going to be in a worse predicament the day after Valentine's Day than he was the day before.

The second and third scenarios occur when she doesn't have a boyfriend. She'll be in some state of self pity. The whole "I don't have a boyfriend and nobody will ever love me" song and dance. They see all of these couples who are happy and perfect, and they start going through all of their past boyfriends and people they've crushed on, wondering what went wrong. By the end of the day, they are curled on the couch eating ice cream and crying over *The Notebook*.

In scenario two, she becomes a typical man hater. The whole "I am a strong, independent woman and, I don't need no man" bit. These girls are just as bad as the pity-partiers. They hate everyone because they appear happy and in love and they can't handle it. "Valentine's Day is stupid." "Guys are stupid." "Seeing couples happy and doing stuff is gross." "I don't like chocolate." "Those giant teddy bears are ridiculous." "It's all just a waste of money." They say it all.

Men will complain how hard Valentine's Day is on them, but they don't have to deal with all that illogical emotion I described before. People will say women are just crazy, but if you had enough emotion bubbling up in you to make the Grinch's heart grow, a brain that is constantly analyzing and storing information about the world around it, and self esteem that is constantly tested by society and other women, you'd be crazy too.

Feature

From burden to blessing

Tjc student gives details about living in his car for a year

By Virginia Foster
Senior Staff Writer

Rain slid down the windows of a silver Infiniti parked alone at a rest area just outside of Tyler. Inside, 22-year-old Tyler Junior College student, Montana Hadin lay staring at the ceiling of his old four-door car lost in thought, when a sudden chill drew him back to reality. Winter was approaching and the "chill" he felt would soon turn into biting cold.

Hadin was enrolled in TJC full time and working as a lifeguard when circumstances turned against him, leaving him homeless just before the 2013 fall semester. Being from Sacramento, CA, he was too far from home to turn to his parents for help. The simplest solution, although not the most comfortable, was to sleep in his car.

"I would like, lay down the seats in the back and stick my feet in the trunk, and I could just barely fit. It was very tight," said Hadin.

Within a couple of months, the temperature began to drop to freezing which became a distraction from the cramped space of the car. With a sleeping bag, four layers of clothes and as many blankets as he could find, Hadin faced the majority of the winter alone in his car.

"I would be alright, and then I'd wake up and as soon as I moved, it's just like instant cold," said Hadin.

That wasn't the only danger Hadin encountered. He recalls hearing strangers walk around his car at night when he had to park out at a Lake Tyler dock. The uncomfortable closeness of curious visitors would often keep him awake.

Luckily, Hadin had a family member close by who offered him a couch for the coldest month of that year, but when the freezing temperatures left, he had to return to his car. This is when Hadin decided that he might as well make the best of his situation.

"I was like, alright I need to make a lot of money this summer so I ended up working like five jobs, all life guarding jobs, at Pine Cove, Tyler Tennis and

Swim, Hollytree, at the hospital, and a little at TJC," said Hadin.

Hadin ended up selling his car and buying a larger vehicle with the money he earned over the summer. This allowed him to take a tough situation and find the silver lining.

"At the time, I was so used to being in a car, I was like, screw it. I don't even care anymore. I'm perfectly fine with it now. I've adjusted," said Hadin. "I got used to it. I have everything I need in my car, and I can do anything on a whim."

Hadin became resourceful, and paid for an Anytime Fitness membership so that no matter where he was, he had access to amenities such as a shower and sink. He managed to budget out money for food and tuck the rest away in a savings account. His new normal became what most would see as a sad story, but for him it was just another life experience to learn from.

"As a person, Montana is very open to handle any situation and doesn't let much bother him," said Austin Mann, a co-worker and friend of Hadin. "He does what he has to and just makes the best out of it."

Hadin stayed in his car until December of 2014, when the Wesley House offered him a place to stay after hearing about his situation, ending his year and a half adventure. Hadin walked away with a newfound respect for those who face homelessness and a greater appreciation for the little things in life.

"I've met a lot of people who, when I heard their stories and what they had to go through, it's just like ... this isn't that bad," said Hadin.



Photo by Virginia Foster
GAZING INTO THE DISTANCE Lake Tyler, A place all too familiar for TJC student, Montana Hadin. Hadin parked his car there for the night several



Photo by Virginia Foster
REFLECTIONS
Montana Hadin stands on a dock at Lake Tyler, looking back at the 18 months he spent without a bed to sleep in.

Campus Scene

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Springing Forward



Photo by Darron Washington

MARCH THROUGH HISTORY Tyler Junior College students participate in the annual Martin Luther King March in downtown Tyler. This marked the 29th year of this event in celebration of Martin Luther King.

Photo by Bianca Branham



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TYPICAL COLLEGE DIET
Students took advantage of the shuttle to Walmart during welcome week to stock up on dorm-room essentials, such as Ramen Noodles.

Photo by Bianca Branham

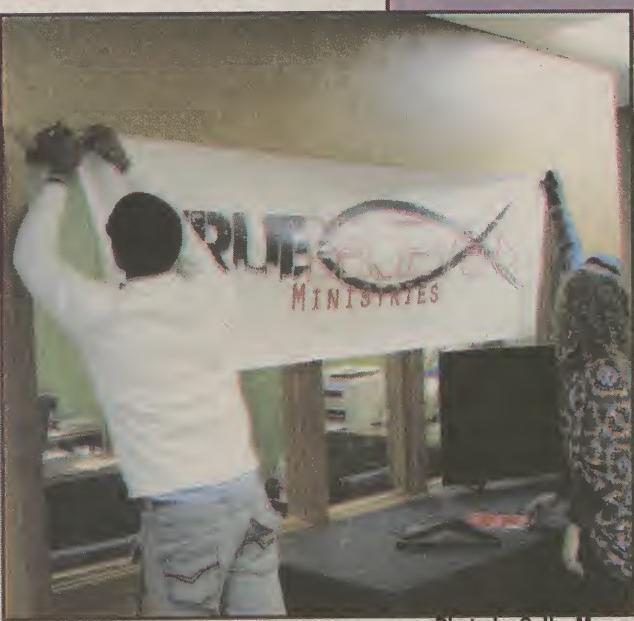


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TRUE BELIEVERS (LEFT) Ian Wade hangs a True Believers sign to promote his Wednesday night bible studies at the BSM. Bible study is open to anyone who wants to come for the night.

WORKING HARD OR HARDLY WORKING (RIGHT) Honor student, Gavin Davis signs up for more information on S.A.F.E. during the welcome week involvement fair in the Apache Rooms.



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TJC's softball team steps up to the plate



Photos by Favian Quezada

THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON (Above) Pitcher Halie Vance gets ready to throw one over the plate. (Right) Jaclyn Molenaar leads off in an attempt to steal third. (Below) Shortstop Haley Mills gets ready to field a ground ball hit to her.



PLAY BALL The Apache softball team prepares to face ETBU in their first ever game at school.

By Colby Morgan
Sports Editor

On a chilly, windy, partly cloudy, Friday afternoon, the president of Tyler Junior College, Dr. Mike Metke takes the mound at Schwab Field located at Brook Hill high school. He is introduced to the crowd and receives a standing ovation as he gets ready to make history by starting something that's been long awaited, the debut of the softball program at Tyler Junior College. He leans back and throws out the ceremonial first pitch to TJC catcher Amber Landry. Strike! A new generation has just begun.

As the wind blows over Schwab Field, the nine starting players for TJC take the field to begin warm-ups. The lineup for the history making game against East Texas Baptist University is: Jaclyn Molenaar - cf, Madison Langston - 2b, Marina Duran - Rf, Lacie Stevens- 3b, Halle Sabo 1b, Amber Landry - catcher, Brittani Whitten -lf, Rachel Brockhaus -dp, Haley Mills- SS and Halie Vance- pitcher.

TJC's starting pitcher Halie Vance pitched a great first inning. The first at bat was center fielder Jaclyn Molenaar. She works a leadoff walk, but doesn't score. The second inning goes smoothly for both teams, but in the top of the 3rd Halie Vance gives up a 2-run home run. In the bottom of the third, Jaclyn Molenaar makes more history as she gets the first base hit for TJC and scores the first run with a base hit from third baseman Lacie Stevens. TJC ties the game at two with a double from shortstop Haley Mills in the bottom of the fourth inning. The fifth inning, ETBU broke out and scored six runs to make it an 8-2 game. In the bottom of the sixth, leftfielder Brittani Whitten hit their first home run. ETBU tacked on two more runs in the top of the seventh inning to make the final score 10-3.

The second game of the doubleheader had a

e plate for its inaugural game

better result for TJC as they won 3-2 in extra innings.

"I think our energy was down in the first game," said Head Coach Nicole Dickson. "Which could have been a little bit of nerves."

Freshman outfielder Brittani Whitten was excited to make his-
ory.

"It feels pretty awesome like knowing I could personally be part of something so big, and just being with an amazing team and being with amazing people," said Whitten.

Freshman pitcher from Tyler, Kristi Springer pitched three in-
nings in the second game win.

"I was nervous a little bit but it felt really good," said Springer.

Coach Dickson thinks this team is very good and can prove a lot despite having a rough first game.

"I think, we have a lot of potential," said Dickson. "This group is very talented, so if we can just get a little bit more confident, and more reps, and more experience they're going to go a long way."

One of the happiest people leaving Schwab Field was TJC athletic director, Tim Drain, who was smiling from ear to ear after the game

"It was a good first day," said Drain. "Softball is very popular in this part of Texas. Our coaches do a phenomenal job of going out there and finding the good players. I think we're going to be pretty competitive early on."

It's going to be an exciting year watching history be made right in front of our eyes.

"We're excited, TJC has one of the best athletic programs in all sports across the country. We just want to go out and represent them well," said Dickson.

For schedules and rosters, go to apache-athletics.com for more information. Home games will be played at Faulkner Park located at 410 West Cumberland Road in Tyler.



Photo by Favian Quezada

ame at Schwab Field at the Brook Hill



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BATTER UP (Above) Catcher Amber Landry swings and hits a ball to the outfield. (Below) Landry attempts to make a catch before the batter hits a foul.



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Sports

Past TJC soccer star makes it to the big times

By Julio Guzman
Guest Contributor

Dom Dwyer (Sporting Kansas City), Brenton Griffiths (Colorado Rapids) and now, Oneil Fisher; the Tyler Junior College soccer program has done it again. Since 2012, the Major League Soccer (MLS) has been drafting athletes that began their college athletic careers in the esteemed TJC soccer program and have gone on to thrive in different schools. It is one thing to be at the developmental base of one player, but when you have done it for three consecutive years, it cannot be denied that you are doing something right.

Originally born in Jamaica, Oneil Fisher came to TJC as a hard working, team oriented athlete looking for an opportunity to be developed.

"The biggest jump for an international student comes in between their first and second year," said Head Coach Steve Clements.

An international student has to have a good support system around him in order for him to grow successfully. The mental areas of an athlete play a major role in his success throughout his athletic career. The TJC soccer program has to be able to get student athletes with a truly driven and motivated desire to be the best they can possibly be. Recruiting an athlete does not start and end with how fast or strong they are, it also goes into ability to adapt and their desire to learn, grow and be successful.

"We like guys that work hard. We're all about work rate," said Clements.

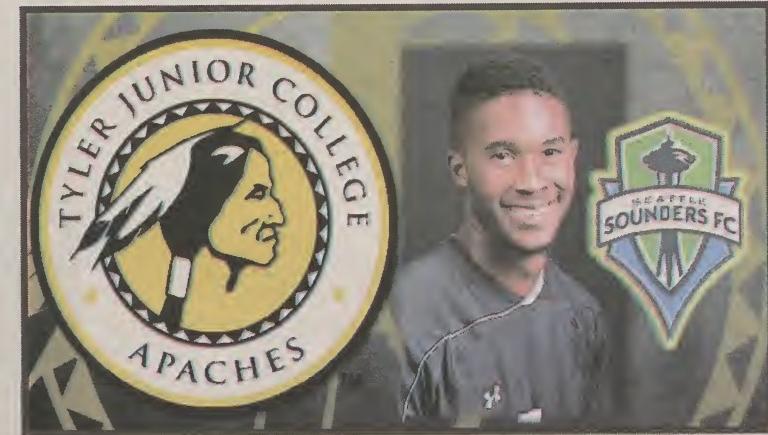
The TJC soccer program has to be full of dedicated

athletes in order to be able to succeed in the manner that they have. Fisher was one of those dedicated athletes. He was known to be a hard worker, unselfish and very team oriented.

"It was his drive and determination as well as his opportunity to go to a great school like New Mexico that paved the way for his success," said Clements.

While at TJC, Fisher was surrounded by good teammates and a great training staff and administration. In his freshman season, he scored five goals in only six appearances for the Apaches. He went on to make 14 appearances in the following season and was named National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) First Team All-American. The TJC soccer program hopes to put more players into better positions to succeed by helping them find great schools and more exposure.

"Coach knows what he's doing as far as developing players," said TJC soccer player Zachary Carrillo. "I think this is the smartest way to go in terms of coming from high school and going straight into college. I've grown here, especially with some of these guys that are out of country players and played at a different level than I have. It has stepped up my game."



ONEIL FISHER Former TJC soccer player Oneil Fisher was drafted by the Seattle Sounders in the 2nd Round of the 2015 Major League Soccer Draft.

Going to school in New Mexico opened the doors for Fisher to play in the Final Four of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) National Competition. While at New Mexico, Fisher started 18 out of 22 games becoming one of 12 players that recorded over 1000 minutes played. As a right back, his defensive line had 11 games without a goal scored on them. In 2014, he scored three game winning goals that resulted in him being named C-U.S.A offensive player of the week. He has scored four goals for New Mexico and has played 1208 minutes.

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Colby Morgan
Sports Editor

COLUMN

TJC the perfect stepping stone to the pros

Most college players drafted by teams, come from four-year universities. Junior Colleges such as TJC have often served as a stepping-stone for players.

Just look at a few former TJC Apaches who have made it to the big time. In 2007-08, Jimmy Butler was a star for TJC. He transferred the next year to Marquette University and now has taken the NBA by storm since being drafted by the Chicago Bulls in 2011.

Dom Dwyer came to TJC from England and had two breakout years for the TJC soccer team. He moved on to the University of Florida and now plays Major League Soccer for Sporting Kansas City after being drafted with the No. 16 pick in the first round of the 2012 draft. Most recently is Oneil Fisher, who played soccer at TJC in 2011 and 2012. The Seattle Sounders of Major League Soccer drafted him on January 15, 2015.

TJC is one of the best junior colleges in the state. The coaches and players who have come and gone have helped the athletic department grow over time. The school has a rich history of winning, with 51 national championships so far. You don't have to start your athletic career at a university to make the pros. With hard work, determination and the school's history of winning, TJC is the perfect stepping-stone to the pros.

Softball team ready for battle

By Alexis Long
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College has never fielded a softball team, and will have to start inexperienced freshmen. On top of that they will be facing defending National Champions, Angelina College in conference play. However, softball Head Coach Nicole Dickson has high expectations.

"I expect to finish top three in conference and hopefully top two at the regional tournament," Dickson said. "We're very young, but we are also very talented. If we just play as a team, we definitely have a chance at being top of the region."

After recruiting 17 athletes for the college's first softball team, Dickson and her assistant, Caitlin Bollier, are confident about leading the team to victory.

"We've got a big freshman class, plus the sophomores and we've got three transfers (from other colleges) coming in so we're really excited," said Dickson, a former softball player who, as head coach at Paris Junior College, led the Lady Dragons to a ninth-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament.

For months, the coaches have been putting TJC's first team together.

"Surprisingly, it wasn't stressful, just busy," Bollier said. "It feels like we're always doing something, which is exciting."

The team faces tough competition from Angelina College, which just moved into the conference, after taking the world series in their previous conference in May of last year.

"Angelina is the defending national champions. Navarro also has a very strong program," said Dickson, who as a pitcher at Eastern New Mexico University posted a 22-14 record.

TJC is also preparing for Blinn, Galveston, Paris and Kilgore.

"We have to show up, play and take care of our business," said Bollier, who played for Mary Hardin-Baylor University.

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The TJC soccer program has played an inspiring, developmental role in the lives of many students, whose names may not be in the spotlight, but have risen none-the-less.

"All of our guys are going on and graduating at those great schools. They have continually said how well prepared they were in the classroom after leaving here," said Clements.

Amber Pufal, a freshman outfielder from League City, is excited about having signed with TJC.

"It doesn't even feel like a junior college," said Pufal, who was an All-District and All-County selection at Clear Springs High School. "The athletic and academic programs are great. I'm very happy to be here."

Pufal has enjoyed getting to know the other players.

"We're all so different and we're all from different areas," said Pufal. "We're definitely learning about each others personalities. It's a really great feeling".

Pufal believes that success will all be a matter of working together as a team.

"My biggest fear for the season is that we fail to pull together," said Pufal. "We've done so well getting to know each other. Hopefully, there won't be a point where we break – which I highly doubt – but you never know."

Pufal knows the other teams in the conference are competitive but she doesn't seem worried.

"We've seen most of the other teams play and they're all super competitive so you just take each game, game by game. Just play your best." said Pufal.



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GETTING READY Sophomore infielder Halie Sabo gets ready to field her position, just incase the ball is hit to her.

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Student Life

Afraid of bad weather? There's a plan for that

By Shannon Paris
Staff Writer

With the spring semester in full swing, making sure students are educated and prepared for inclement weather and campus emergency procedures are important. Sophomore Daryanne Heard said that she was not aware of the emergency response plans in place in case of a natural disaster.

"Teachers always went over that at the beginning of the year when I was in high school," Heard said, "But since starting college, I can't think of one class that has done that now that I think of it."

All students have classes in multiple buildings across campus, not to mention individual student life that goes on in Rogers Student Center and in the dorms.

The thought of a power outage or facility failure, such as the busted plumbing issue in Rogers Student Center two weeks ago which shut down the cafeteria for a solid day, may only seem like concerns for students who live on campus.

In the case of tornadoes, fire, or inclement weather closings, all students could be affected by these very real threats to personal safety.

Most students know to evacuate each building in a calm manner if a fire alarm sounds and not to reenter those buildings until the threat has been cleared by emergency services.

The school and the dorms run fire drills randomly according to the request of the City of Tyler Fire Marshall's office. However, most people; staff and students alike, do not seem to know the school's policies regarding tornadoes or fire.

"I am not aware of any direct policy TJC, as a whole, has for a tornado" said Art Professor Derrick White, "But in the Art Department, we have come up with our own plan where the kids would be evacuated into the Ceramics class which is located in the basement of the Art wing

here in Jenkins. That room has no windows and is the safest location for our department."

In other buildings, such as Potter Hall, there was no such plan in place, and the many windows and exposed hallways have caused safety concerns in such an event. TJC does offer email and text alerts to students for emergency situations, but only a few students use both functions.

"I signed up to receive email alerts, but I didn't realize that there was a text alert system also," said freshman Jessica Willis who lives off campus. "Texts would be a lot better because I would receive them so much faster. I don't usually check my school email daily."

In the case of school closures due to inclement weather, Dean of Students, Dr. Dometrius Hill could not give a direct

contact person for making that decision but did say that it would depend on the weather situation as to who would be in charge of that final decision.

In the case of icy or winter weather closures, it would most likely be deferred to Dr. Juan Mejia, VP of Student Affairs or Chief Randy Melton, director of campus police. Another consideration is the decision Tyler Independent School District makes on the matter.

"TJC is very closely intertwined with TISD operating schedules in cases of inclement weather due to the amount of dual credit and work study students we have on campus," said Dean Hill.

For those students living on campus, announcements of school closures are sent out to each RA and building supervisor to dispense among the residents.

Email and text message alerts go out to all students along with alerts sent to area news stations for local broadcasting over television.

In cases of fire emergencies, Dean Hill suggested sounding the internal building fire alarms, evacuating the building quickly and calmly, and contacting Campus Police immediately.

For more information on the emergency procedures and plans of action, go online to http://www.tjc.edu/info/2003978/campus_police_and_parking/267/emergency_procedures

Students can manage their TJC Alert Notification account, which will include text and email notices by logging into Apache Access at <http://apacheaccess.tjc.edu>

Campus Police can be reached at 903-510-2222 for all emergencies and is located at the corner of Baxter and Lake Street. For all non-emergencies, call 903-510-2258.

In case of any major medical emergency, students are always advised to contact 9-1-1 for emergency services and then contact campus police.



Photo by Cory McCoy

SNOW FALL ON THE TJC CAMPUS Inclement weather affects access to the TJC campus in Feb. 2014.

Hispanic Student Organization looking to the club's future

By Julia Contarelli
Staff Writer

"TJC (has) been closing the gaps on the percentage of Hispanic kids that graduate here since 2000," Said Hassan Nidia, Tyler Junior College (TJC) sponsor for the Hispanic Student Organization (HSO). "Nowadays, 14 percent of our students are Hispanic."

HSO has cultural appeal; students who want to learn more about their roots are welcome to study Hispanic cultures and habits.

"My father is Mexican and my mom is white, and I wanted to get more involved with my Mexican side, since my dad passed away when I was 4," said Dalton Delacruz, TJC student and HSO officer.

Understanding that students spend most of their time on mobile social media, HSO created a Facebook page, listed as TJC.Hispanic.Student.Organization. The page is used to post weekly updates about community service activities that keep the members busy and active.

This spring semester, HSO is introducing an Instagram account with pictures and descriptions of last semester's activities, such as The Rose Parade and Homecoming week.

"We are always trying to get closer to our members," said Delacruz.

HSO members host fundraisers, selling traditional hispanic bread and other foods. Members take a cart through each building, ensuring everyone has a chance to buy treats.

The HSO is also hosting a Taco Party for its members on Feb. 23.

HSO meets in the Ornelas Hall Gold Room on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. There, the students have fellowship and learn more about Hispanic culture. The organization is not limited to Hispanics, but accepts all races and ethnicity's.

To become a member, call 936-204-1944 and speak with HSO Treasurer Maria Tereza. The membership fee is \$10, and includes a free t-shirt.



Photo by Julia Contarelli
SPORTING A COOL HSO T-SHIRT Freshman journalism student, Alejandra Hurtado shows off her HSO -shirt.



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HSO STUDENTS AT INVOLVEMENT FAIR students of the Hispanic student organization stand around their display at TJC's spring involvement fair.

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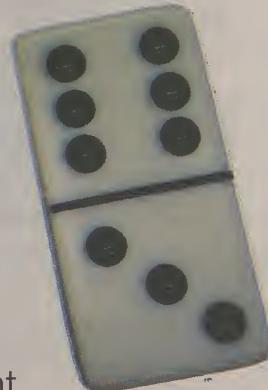
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Friday, Feb. 6-7

Science and Revelations TJC theatre is performing a Second Stage production at 7:30 p.m. in Jean Browne Theatre for two nights only. The play is set in 1894 when four Pennsylvania sisters decide to move from their farm to England. Lyrical flashbacks dramatize their tender and frustrating romances with men. Admission is free.



Monday, Feb. 9

Taste of Soul An annual tradition of Black History Month, Taste of Soul will be held at Rogers Student Center in the ping-pong area on the second floor from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Admission is free and students can come get a taste of soul food.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Broadcast Speaker Series Sigma Alpha Pi presents Dan Harris. Harris is a respected broadcast journalist. He will be speaking about happiness, mindfulness and the balance between ambition and contentment. The event will be held at the Jean Browne Theatre 6-8 p.m. and is free to anyone with a TJC ID.

Poetry Slam From 7-9 p.m. at the Roger Student Center in the ping-pong area there will be various TJC performing acts including Odd

Rod. Admission is free for students.

TJC Book Club The book club is having its second session which will feature, "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzia. It will be held at Vaughn Library in the Quest classroom from 12-1 p.m. Free books are provided. No assignments or projects will be required. Sign up at the circulation desk in the Library prior to Feb. 10. Students and faculty are welcome, but space is limited to 15 participants.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Dominoes Tournament The top ten winners of the tournament will receive a full bag of groceries. It will be held in the Apache Rooms from 7-9 p.m. Participation is free.

TJC Book Club The club will hold its third session with "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. It will be held in the Quest Classroom of the Vaughn Library from 12-1 p.m. Free books are provided. No assignments or projects will be required. Sign up at the circulation desk in the Library prior to Feb. 11. Students and faculty are welcome, but space is limited to 20 participants.



Friday, Feb. 13

Darwin Day Celebration The Center for Earth & Space Science Education Center will be showing three videos in honor of Darwin Day. These videos include *Your Inner Fish*, *Your Inner Reptile*, and *Your Inner Monkey*. The videos are an hour long and will be followed by a discussion with a biologist.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Stroll/Step Show Participate or be a spectator for the first Step Up Show. Acts of stepping, strolling and dancing will be performed for a cash prize, or just attend to enjoy the entertainment. It will be held at the Apache Rooms from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Broadcast Speaker Series Sigma Alpha pi presents Debbie Fields. She will share the lessons she has learned in both business and life which have led her to success. This will be held at the Jean Browne Theatre from 6-8 p.m. and is free to anyone with a TJC ID.



Events Off Campus

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Friday, Feb. 6

Treasure Island Tyler Civic Theatre presents a classic tale written by Robert Louis Stevenson. The story is a spine-tingling adventure about treachery, treasure and a young man's rite of passage. For more information, visit www.tylercivictheatre.com

Saturday, Feb. 7

"Oldest Town in Texas Road Show" A show set to the tunes of Otis Redding, Bob Wills, ZZTop, Eric Clapton, Patsy Cline, Elvis, Tex Ritter, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Doobie Brothers, George Strait, and Fleetwood Mac in one place for one night. For more information, visit www.libertytyler.com

Boyhood screening at The Old Firehouse in Edom Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, Richard Linklater's *Boyhood* is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child, named Mason, who literally grows up on screen before our eyes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information, contact The Old Firehouse at info@theoldfirehouse.net or call

903-852-2781

"Elvis Lives" coming to Longview Four eras of Elvis music is coming to LeTourneau University's Belcher Center. The performers are finalists from Elvis Presley Enterprises' worldwide ultimate Elvis tribute artist contest. For time and ticket information, visit belchercenter.com or call 903-233-3080

Thursday, Feb. 12

Darwin Day Beginning at 6 p.m. and lasting until 7 p.m. keynote speaker Dr. Massimo Pigliucci, K.D., an Irani Professor of Philosophy at City College, New York will be giving a lecture entitled "Pseudoscience: Why Bother?" It will take place at The Center for Earth & Space Science Education at Tyler Junior College

Friday, Feb. 13

Luke Wade The former participant of *The Voice*, will be performing at Stanley's Famous Pit BBQ at 8:30 p.m.

50 Shades of Grey The New York Time's #1 bestseller now has a

movie of the same title being released today. 21-year-old Ana Interviews Christian Grey and they begin a different kind of relationship.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Ringo Starr Former drummer for legendary group, the Beatles, is coming to The University of Texas at Tyler's R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center. He will be taking the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Between the States & The American Civil War's Impact on Tyler *Between the States: Photographs of the American Civil War* from the George Eastman House Collection commemorates the 150th anniversary of the war and highlights the photographic processes

of the period. For more information, visit www.tylermuseum.org

R. Kelly at the Oil Palace

The King of R&B will be coming to the Oil Palace for a Valentine's Day love affair. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For ticket information and time, visit [www.oilpalace.com](http://oilpalace.com)

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Kodo One Earth Tour: Mystery headed to the Cowan Center

KODO thoughtfully transforms the percussive drum songs and dances of Japan's age-old celebrations, while pairing ancient pieces with new compositions from esteemed jazz pianists to kabuki masters. For ticket information, visit [www.cowancenter.org](http://cowancenter.org) or call (903)566-7424

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By Haley Huston
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Keith Shuemake, or simply Shuemake to most students, is one of the most interactive officers on campus, but has seen more tragedy than most people will experience in their life.

Shuemake has worked in Garland, Jacksonville and Tyler ISD as a detective, patrol and traffic officer, sergeant and chief throughout the years. He has worked at TJC as an officer for the past three years after resigning from chief of Tyler ISD.

"I've seen a lot of tragedy," said Shuemake. "I've always wanted to help someone give birth. Instead the bad part of life, the tragic part of life, I've always wanted to help do that."

He has performed CPR five times and lost three people and been shot on five separate occasions.

"[Students] probably don't look at me from the perspective of what I have done in my past as a patrol officer and what I've had to do," said Shuemake. "From being in vehicle pursuits and being shot at and put in a position so that you are the only thing between this person living and dying."

Shuemake says despite all the less appealing side to being an officer, he always knew it was what he wanted to do because he wanted to help people.

Middle of the afternoon, beautiful day, and not a cloud in the sky I get sent to a welfare concern. I always hated those because they ended up being some kind of crap, but the concern was there was a man who didn't have any family and his friend hadn't been able to get a hold of him for a couple weeks. He lived in an apartment, a really low income apartment, and it had one door and window and that was it. So I go there beat on the door, no one came to the door. I get the maintenance guy he comes to open the door and before he starts to do I look in the windowsill and I could see flies

everywhere. I called for another unit to come over there with me. Have you ever smelled a dead body? It is horrible, absolutely horrible. There is really no way to even describe it. The guy took the window pane off and the second he does it's like pepper spray [the smell] just shot out. The maintenance dude just dropped his tools and ran off.

I opened up the door and looked inside and the guy had been sitting at the computer, which at the wall right there at that window. He was a big man, like 300 lbs., and when he died he fell backwards in the chair. He had been there for like a week and a half. When you die and no one touches your body for like a week and half you swell up. It's like all this fluid and the fluid starts to leak out. The fluid was all in the carpet. If you stepped on the carpet it was going to get all in your boots, even if they were rubber boots and you were never going to get that smell out. You would have to throw away the whole uniform. We later found out he had diabetes and he wasn't taking care of his self"

"When I was working in a garage I met a cop and he was coming in and having work done on his car. He was like 'you're pretty cool, you should come ride with us' and I was like 'I can do that' because I didn't know."

Despite growing up in a firehouse Shuemake never had interest in following in his father's footsteps and becoming a firefighter, but began riding with the police and decided become one.

"I rode with this guy and I had a blast and I loved it," said Shuemake. "I applied to the police department because all the guys that I was hanging out with were telling me to do it. I went through the whole process and passed it all, but they were hiring people right out of Vietnam."

Shuemake applied for a job twice and after getting rejected both times he

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Photo by Haley Huston
ALWAYS PREPARED FOR ANYTHING Officer Shuemake shows off his medical pack that all officers have in case of an epidemic.



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STOPPING CARS AND TAKING NAMES Officer Shuemake talks to driver after he ran a stop sign.

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settled down, got married and invested in a garage.

"When I turned 31 there was an opening in an arson investigating school," said Shuemake. "I actually had to quit work for a month. I got that certification and when I tried to get hired on at the city they would choose people who were certified as that and a peace officer too."

Shuemake put himself through the police academy in Mesquite. He was recruited by Garland for his first job as a police officer.

Though Shuemake loved being an officer, the job has not always been the easy.

"When I worked in Jacksonville I went to this burglary of this guy in an apartment. It was this guy and he was the sergeant at TVC, the prison and he was also retired from the Marine Corps, big stout guy. He said he got there and saw that the door had been kicked in so he didn't go, but waited to guy in with me so he didn't touch anything. He was kind of in a panic. He was worried about his prize possession in the apartment which was a John Wayne VHS collection. The bad guys didn't touch it. Once he realized that okay he ran to the front of the apartment and there was a little coat closet and there was one of those big Easter basket you get at Wal-Mart wrapped in cellophane and he said that was his 10-year-old son's. He began to talk about his son and he loved that boy."

After that if I was patrolling

through that apartment complex I would stop and chit-chat and this went on for a few months. One afternoon I got a call that there was a drunk man passed out in a car over there at the apartment complex. So I went over there and it was him laid back in the car. I thought holy crap I didn't even know this guy drank so I went over there and woke him and come to find out he got his back injured wrestling or fighting someone at the prison and they gave him these muscle relaxers and they were just knocking him out. I kind of laughed at him and I got his keys and helped him get in the apartment. I got him on the couch and put the keys on the coffee table and I said I can't lock the door cause it's like a dead bolt, but you're right here so it'll be fine. Then he said 'oh my god, my son has a game,' and it was in like two hours. I told him couldn't drive and he said he had to get there. I told him I understand, you'll probably go to sleep in the bleachers, but you can't drive. He said he had to get there so I picked the keys up and said I'm not going to leave these keys until you promise you will find someone to drive you and he said okay. I left the key. So two hours later I heard them dispatch someone to a crash and then a few minutes later I heard them call for a justice of the peace which means somebody died. I called one of my friends, which was a deputy, and he told me that it was that guy."

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ANOTHER DAY AT THE OFFICE Officer Shuemake looks for something at the campus office.

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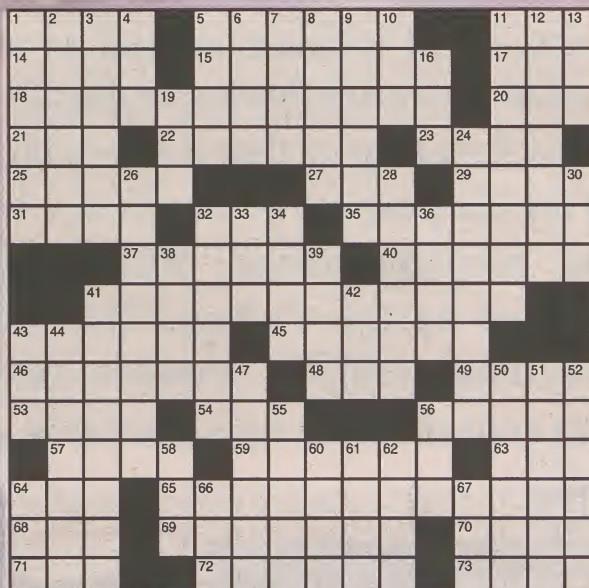
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- New Year's
- Pennsylvania borough in today's news
- Clinton's instrument
- Ambulance VIP
- '50s nuclear experiments
- Founded, on signs
- Foe
- Approved, briefly
- Pop singer Diamond
- Henry VIII's sixth wife Catherine
- Conk out
- "Make up your mind!"
- Germany's Republic, 1919-'33
- Flip-flops
- What we'll have of 3-Down, according to folklore, if 18-Across sees his 50-Down on 65-Across
- Puppies
- Bahamas capital
- Thick fog metaphor
- Dirt road groove
- Amt. on a new car window
- Venus de
- Mess of hair
- Employee handing out playbills
- Stoolie
- Workshop grippers
- Word after Iron or Stone
- Corp. leader
- February 2, every year
- Coffee hour vessel
- Asian language in a region famous for tigers
- vault
- Letter before tee
- La Brea discovery



By Warren Stabler

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73 Filled with wonder

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- Girl who lost her sheep
- Barnard graduate
- Cold season
- Bagel go-with
- Landslide victory
- Poker pot starter
- Corp. execs' degrees
- Bend before in reverence
- Lucky Luciano cohort Meyer
- Before, in poetry
- Cowboy movies
- Shirking, as taxes
- LBJ's home state
- Salon coloring
- Speak
- Sweetie pie
- Dennis the Menace's grumpy neighbor
- Hate
- Part of UCLA
- Chinese appetizer
- "I think ..." in texts
- Make, as money
- Mets' old stadium
- Old Montreal baseballer
- Back

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- Pennsylvania raceway
- Sundial casting
- Entertain in style
- Victimized, with "on"
- Outlet inserts
- GI show gp.
- USSR secret service
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